

EBEN ADAMS.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 833.]

JUNE 14, 1860.

Mr. LEE, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads,
made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, to whom was referred
the petition of Eben Adams, submit the following report:*

The petitioner shows that he became the contractor upon mail route number 1,391 (New York) on the 1st day of July, 1857, for the yearly compensation of \$590, and that he has performed the service up to this time.

It further appears that the schedule for said route, as advertised by the Postmaster General, was to leave Cortland village daily for Pitcher, and to leave Pitcher for Cortland village only three times per week; that he was the contractor prior to 1857, and he then, under his contract carried said mail six times per week from Pitcher to Cortland; that after July 1, 1857, at the urgent request of the inhabitants on the said route he conveyed said mail six times per week from Pitcher to Cortland, a distance of twenty miles, and has on those extra trips reached Cortland village in time to connect with the great northern mail per the Syracuse and Binghamton railroad.

The business upon this route seemed to require a daily mail from Pitcher to Cortland as well as on the return to Pitcher. As the route extended from Cortland to Norwich, a distance of forty miles, it became necessary for the petitioner to employ two teams to perform the service, and he ran a two-horse coach on the extra trips as well as upon the regular trips. It further appears that the compensation of \$590 was inadequate for the performance of the service as advertised by the department, but it is the fault of the petitioner if he assumed to carry the mail for a less sum than he could reasonably afford.

But your committee are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to compensation for the extra trips during the period of two years

and eleven months, at the rate of \$118 per annum, which is shown to be a reasonable compensation for the extra service, amounting in the aggregate to three hundred and forty-four dollars and sixteen cents, and they report a bill accordingly.